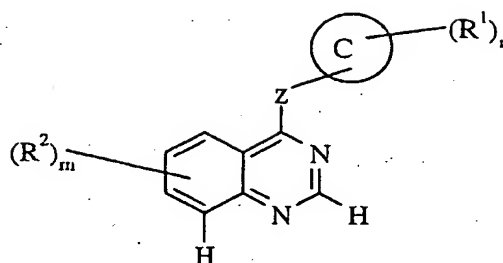


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1. A compound of the formula I:



(I)

wherein:

ring C is an 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13-membered bicyclic or tricyclic moiety which moiety may be saturated or unsaturated, which may be aromatic or non-aromatic, and which optionally may contain 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S;

Z is -O-, -NH- or -S-;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R² represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃alkylsulphanyl, -NR³R⁴ (wherein R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C₁₋₃alkyl), or R⁵X¹- (wherein X¹ represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH₂-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁶C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁷-, -SO₂NR⁸-, -NR⁹SO₂- or -NR¹⁰- (wherein R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl), and R⁵ is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₅alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C₁₋₃alkylX²C(O)R¹¹ (wherein X² represents -O- or -NR¹²- (in which R¹² represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R¹¹ represents C₁₋₃alkyl, -NR¹³R¹⁴ or -OR¹⁵ (wherein R¹³, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C₁₋₅alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl));

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- 3) $C_{1-5}alkylX^3R^{16}$ (wherein X^3 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -NR¹⁷C(O)-, -C(O)NR¹⁸-, -SO₂NR¹⁹-, -NR²⁰SO₂- or -NR²¹- (wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰ and R²¹ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R¹⁶ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $-(O)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_gringD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl));
- 4) $C_{1-5}alkylX^4C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22}$ (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR²³C(O)-, -C(O)NR²⁴-, -SO₂NR²⁵-, -NR²⁶SO₂- or -NR²⁷- (wherein R²³, R²⁴, R²⁵, R²⁶ and R²⁷ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R²² represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl);
- 5) R²⁸ (wherein R²⁸ is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $-(O)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_gringD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl));
- 6) $C_{1-5}alkylR^{28}$ (wherein R²⁸ is as defined herein);
- 7) $C_{2-5}alkenylR^{28}$ (wherein R²⁸ is as defined herein);

- 8) $C_{2-5}alkynylR^{28}$ (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);
- 9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, amino, $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, $C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl$, $C_{1-4}aminoalkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkylamino$, $C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy$, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, $-C(O)NR^{30}R^{31}$, $-NR^{32}C(O)R^{33}$ (wherein R^{30} , R^{31} , R^{32} and R^{33} , which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, $C_{1-4}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and a group $-(O)-(C_{1-4}alkyl)_fringD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}alkyl$));
- 10) $C_{1-5}alkylR^{29}$ (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 11) $C_{2-5}alkenylR^{29}$ (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 12) $C_{2-5}alkynylR^{29}$ (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 13) $C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29}$ (wherein X^6 represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{34}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{35}-$, $-SO_2NR^{36}-$, $-NR^{37}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{38}-$ (wherein R^{34} , R^{35} , R^{36} , R^{37} and R^{38} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 14) $C_{2-5}alkenylX^7R^{29}$ (wherein X^7 represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{39}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{40}-$, $-SO_2NR^{41}-$, $-NR^{42}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{43}-$ (wherein R^{39} , R^{40} , R^{41} , R^{42} and R^{43} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 15) $C_{2-5}alkynylX^8R^{29}$ (wherein X^8 represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{44}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{45}-$, $-SO_2NR^{46}-$, $-NR^{47}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{48}-$ (wherein R^{44} , R^{45} , R^{46} , R^{47} and R^{48} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 16) $C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{29}$ (wherein X^9 represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{49}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{50}-$, $-SO_2NR^{51}-$, $-NR^{52}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{53}-$ (wherein R^{49} , R^{50} , R^{51} , R^{52} and R^{53} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined herein);
- 17) $C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28}$ (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

18) C₂₋₅alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C₂₋₅alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C₂₋₅alkenylX⁹C₁₋₄alkylR²⁸ (wherein X⁹ and R²⁸ are as defined herein);

21) C₂₋₅alkynylX⁹C₁₋₄alkylR²⁸ (wherein X⁹ and R²⁸ are as defined herein); and

22) C₁₋₄alkylR⁵⁴(C₁₋₄alkyl)_q(X⁹)_rR⁵⁵ (wherein X⁹ is as defined herein, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(O-)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl), with the proviso that R⁵⁴ cannot be hydrogen);
and additionally wherein any C₁₋₅alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl or C₂₋₅alkynyl group in R⁵X¹- which is linked to X¹ may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

R¹ represents hydrogen, oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxymethyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, C₁₋₄haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₃alkanoyloxy, nitro, C₁₋₄alkanoylamino, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphanyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphinyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C₁₋

alkyl)amino, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl)amino, a C₃₋₇alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms, C₁₋₄alkanoylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, carboxy or a group R⁵⁶X¹⁰ (wherein X¹⁰ represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH₂-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁵⁷C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁵⁸-, -SO₂NR⁵⁹-, -NR⁶⁰SO₂- or -NR⁶¹- (wherein R⁵⁷, R⁵⁸, R⁵⁹, R⁶⁰ and R⁶¹ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl), and R⁵⁶ is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₅alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C₁₋₅alkylX¹¹C(O)R⁶² (wherein X¹¹ represents -O- or -NR⁶³- (in which R⁶³ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁶² represents C₁₋₃alkyl, -NR⁶⁴R⁶⁵ or -OR⁶⁶ (wherein R⁶⁴, R⁶⁵ and R⁶⁶ which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C₁₋₅alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl));

3) C₁₋₅alkylX¹²R⁶⁷ (wherein X¹² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -NR⁶⁸C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁶⁹-, -SO₂NR⁷⁰-, -NR⁷¹SO₂- or -NR⁷²- (wherein R⁶⁸, R⁶⁹, R⁷⁰, R⁷¹ and R⁷² each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁶⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(O)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl));

4) C₁₋₅alkylX¹³C₁₋₅alkylX¹⁴R⁷³ (wherein X¹³ and X¹⁴ which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁷⁴C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁷⁵-, -SO₂NR⁷⁶-, -NR⁷⁷SO₂- or -NR⁷⁸- (wherein R⁷⁴, R⁷⁵, R⁷⁶, R⁷⁷ and R⁷⁸ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁷³ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl);

- 5) R^{79} (wherein R^{79} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4} cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} alkoxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} aminoalkyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-4} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-4} alkoxy, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkoxy and a group $-(O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}alkyl$));
- 6) $C_{1-5}alkylR^{79}$ (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);
- 7) $C_{2-5}alkenylR^{79}$ (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);
- 8) $C_{2-5}alkynylR^{79}$ (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);
- 9) R^{80} (wherein R^{80} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, amino, $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, $C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl$, $C_{1-4}aminoalkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkylamino$, $C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy$, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, $-C(O)NR^{81}R^{82}$, $-NR^{83}C(O)R^{84}$ (wherein R^{81} , R^{82} , R^{83} and R^{84} , which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, $C_{1-4}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and a group $-(O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from $C_{1-4}alkyl$));
- 10) $C_{1-5}alkylR^{80}$ (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);
- 11) $C_{2-5}alkenylR^{80}$ (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);
- 12) $C_{2-5}alkynylR^{80}$ (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);
- 13) $C_{1-5}alkylX^{15}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{15} represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{85}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{86}-$, $-SO_2NR^{87}-$, $-NR^{88}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{89}-$ (wherein R^{85} , R^{86} , R^{87} , R^{88} and R^{89} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

- 14) $C_{2.5}alkenylX^{16}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{16} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁹⁰C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁹¹-, -SO₂NR⁹²-, -NR⁹³SO₂- or -NR⁹⁴- (wherein R⁹⁰, R⁹¹, R⁹², R⁹³ and R⁹⁴ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁸⁰ is as defined herein);
- 15) $C_{2.5}alkynylX^{17}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{17} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁹⁵C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁹⁶-, -SO₂NR⁹⁷-, -NR⁹⁸SO₂- or -NR⁹⁹- (wherein R⁹⁵, R⁹⁶, R⁹⁷, R⁹⁸ and R⁹⁹ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁸⁰ is as defined herein);
- 16) $C_{1.4}alkylX^{18}C_{1.4}alkylR^{80}$ (wherein X^{18} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR¹⁰⁰C(O)-, -C(O)NR¹⁰¹-, -SO₂NR¹⁰²-, -NR¹⁰³SO₂- or -NR¹⁰⁴- (wherein R¹⁰⁰, R¹⁰¹, R¹⁰², R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R⁸⁰ is as defined herein);
- 17) $C_{1.4}alkylX^{18}C_{1.4}alkylR^{79}$ (wherein X^{18} and R⁷⁹ are as defined herein);
- 18) C_{2.5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 19) C_{2.5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl;
- 20) $C_{2.5}alkenylX^{18}C_{1.4}alkylR^{79}$ (wherein X^{18} and R⁷⁹ are as defined herein);
- 21) $C_{2.5}alkynylX^{18}C_{1.4}alkylR^{79}$ (wherein X^{18} and R⁷⁹ are as defined herein); and
- 22) $C_{1.4}alkylR^{105}(C_{1.4}alkyl)_x(X^{18})_yR^{106}$ (wherein X^{18} is as defined herein, x is 0 or 1, y is 0 or 1, and R¹⁰⁵ and R¹⁰⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(-O-

)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl) with the proviso that R¹⁰⁵ cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C₁₋₅alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl or C₂₋₅alkynyl group in R⁵⁶X¹⁰- which is linked to X¹⁰ may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

with the proviso that one or more R¹ and/or one or more R² are selected from one of the following five groups:

(i) Q¹X¹-

wherein X¹ is as defined herein and Q¹ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) Q² (wherein Q² is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl and C₁₋₆fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(O-)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl));

- 2) $C_{1-5}alkylW^1Q^2$ (wherein W^1 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -NQ³C(O)-, -C(O)NQ⁴-, -SO₂NQ⁵-, -NQ⁶SO₂- or -NQ⁷- (wherein Q³, Q⁴, Q⁵, Q⁶ and Q⁷ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl or C₁₋₄haloalkyl) and Q² is as defined herein;
- 3) $C_{1-5}alkylQ^2$ (wherein Q² is as defined herein);
- 4) $C_{2-5}alkenylQ^2$ (wherein Q² is as defined herein);
- 5) $C_{2-5}alkynylQ^2$ (wherein Q² is as defined herein);
- 6) $C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2$ (wherein W^2 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NQ⁸C(O)-, -C(O)NQ⁹-, -SO₂NQ¹⁰-, -NQ¹¹SO₂- or -NQ¹²- (wherein Q⁸, Q⁹, Q¹⁰, Q¹¹ and Q¹² each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl or C₁₋₄haloalkyl) and Q² is as defined herein);
- 7) $C_{2-5}alkenylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2$ (wherein W^2 and Q² are as defined herein);
- 8) $C_{2-5}alkynylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2$ (wherein W^2 and Q² are as defined herein);
- 9) $C_{1-4}alkylQ^{13}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein W^2 is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q¹³ and Q¹⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $-(O)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_gringD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl), with the provisos that Q¹³ cannot be hydrogen and one or both of Q¹³ and Q¹⁴ must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined

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herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl and C₁₋₆fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein);

10) C₁₋₄alkylQ¹³C₁₋₄alkanoylQ¹⁴ⁿ wherein Q¹³ is as defined herein and is not hydrogen and Q¹⁴ⁿ is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein Q¹⁴ⁿ is linked to C₁₋₆alkanoyl through a nitrogen atom and wherein Q¹⁴ⁿ optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(O-)(C₁₋₄alkyl)_fringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl);

and additionally wherein any C₁₋₅alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl or C₂₋₅alkynyl group in Q¹X¹ which is linked to X¹ may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

(ii) Q¹⁵W³-

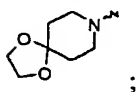
wherein W³ represents -NQ¹⁶C(O)-, -C(O)NQ¹⁷-, -SO₂NQ¹⁸-, -NQ¹⁹SO₂- or -NQ²⁰- (wherein Q¹⁶, Q¹⁷, Q¹⁸, Q¹⁹ and Q²⁰ each independently represents C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₄haloalkyl), and Q¹⁵ is C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl or C₂₋₅alkynyl;

(iii) Q²¹W⁴C₁₋₅alkylX¹- wherein W⁴ represents -NQ²²C(O)-, -C(O)NQ²³-, -SO₂NQ²⁴-, -NQ²⁵SO₂- or -NQ²⁶- (wherein Q²², Q²³, Q²⁴, Q²⁵ and Q²⁶ each independently

represents hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy C_{2-3} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl or C_{1-4} haloalkyl), and Q^{21} represents C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl or C_{2-5} alkynyl, and X^1 is as defined herein;

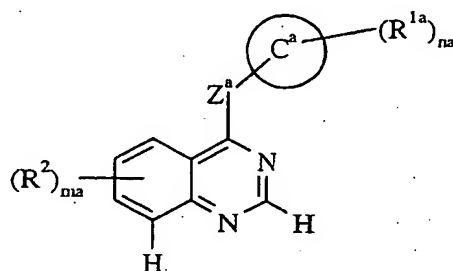
(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein X^1 is as defined herein and Q^{28} is an imidazolidinyl group which bears two oxo substituents and one C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl group which C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl group may bear a hydroxy substituent on the carbon atom which is linked to the imidazolidinyl group, and wherein the C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkenyl or C_{1-5} alkynyl linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino; and

(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein X^1 is as defined herein, the C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkenyl or C_{1-5} alkynyl linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino and Q^{29} is a group 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, which may be represented:



or R^1 may be selected from any of the groups defined herein and R^2 is 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;
or a salt thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula Ia:



(Ia)

wherein:

ring C^a is indolyl, indazolyl or azaindolyl;

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R^{1a} is selected from oxo, hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxymethyl, amino, halogeno, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3} alkanoyl,

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1,

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

R^2 is as defined in claim 1;

ma is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z^a is -O- or -S-;

and na is 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso that at least one R^2 is selected from (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) as defined in claim 1 in the definitions of R^2 , and/or R^{1a} is selected from (i), (ii) and (iii) as defined herein,

or R^2 is 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;

or a salt thereof.

3. A compound according to claim 2 wherein ma is 2.

4. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R^2 is selected from one of the five groups:

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;

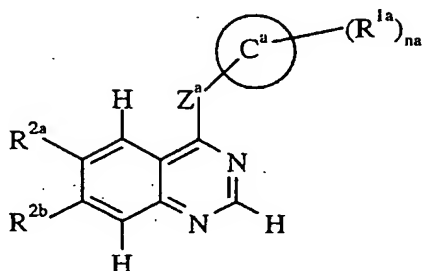
(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and

(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

and/or R^2 represents methoxy, or R^2 represents 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy.

5. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula II:



(II)

wherein:

ring C^u is indolyl, indazolyl or azaindolyl;

R^{1a} is selected from oxo, hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxymethyl, amino, halogeno, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3} alkanoyl,

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1; and

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

R^{2a} and R^{2b} , are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-3} alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^{3a}R^{4a}$ (wherein R^{3a} and R^{4a} , which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl),

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1,

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1 or

(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

or R^{2a} and R^{2b} together form 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;

Z^a is -O- or -S-;

and na is 0, 1 or 2;

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with the proviso that at least one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is selected from (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) as defined herein and/or R^{1a} is selected from (i), (ii) and (iii) as defined herein, or R^{2a} and R^{2b} together form 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy; or a salt thereof.

6. A compound according to claim 5 wherein R^{1a} is fluoro or methyl.

7. A compound according to claim 5 or claim 6 wherein Z^a is -O-.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 5, 6 and 7 wherein R^{2a} is methoxy and R^{2b} is selected from one of the five following groups:

- (i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
- (ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;
- (iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
- (iv) $Q^{28}C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{28}C_{2.5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{28}C_{2.5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and
- (v) $Q^{29}C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{29}C_{2.5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{29}C_{2.5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1.

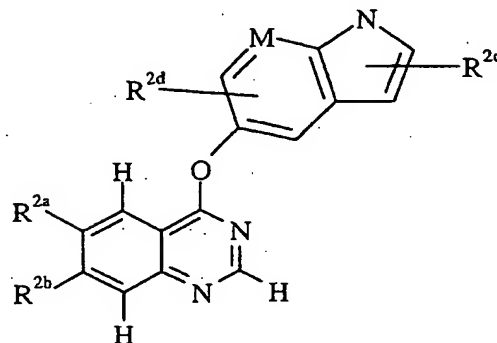
9. A compound according to any one of claims 5, 6 and 7 wherein R^{2b} is methoxy and R^{2a} is selected from one of the five following groups:

- (i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
- (ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;
- (iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ - wherein Q^{21} , W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
- (iv) $Q^{28}C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{28}C_{2.5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{28}C_{2.5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and
- (v) $Q^{29}C_{1.5}alkylX^1$ -, $Q^{29}C_{2.5}alkenylX^1$ - or $Q^{29}C_{2.5}alkynylX^1$ - wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1.

10. A compound according to any one of claims 2 to 8 wherein the ring C^a is indol-5-yl, indol-6-yl, 7-azaindol-5-yl, indazol-5-yl or indazol-6-yl.

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11. A compound according to claim 5 of the formula II d:



(II d)

wherein:

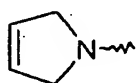
M is -CH- or -N-;

R^{2c} is linked to a carbon atom of the 5-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

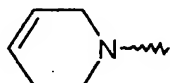
R^{2d} is linked to a carbon atom of the 6-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is Q¹X¹ wherein X¹ is as defined in claim 1 and Q¹ is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) Q² (wherein Q² is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



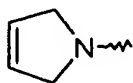
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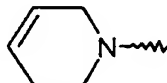
which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl and C₁₋₄fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl,

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carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ring D (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



and



which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₄alkyl));

2) C₁₋₅alkylW¹Q² (wherein W¹ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -NQ³C(O)-, -C(O)NQ⁴-, -SO₂NQ⁵-, -NQ⁶SO₂- or -NQ⁷- (wherein Q³, Q⁴, Q⁵, Q⁶ and Q⁷ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₂alkyl, C₁₋₂alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl or C₁₋₄haloalkyl) and Q² is as defined herein;

3) C₁₋₅alkylQ² (wherein Q² is as defined herein);

4) C₂₋₅alkenylQ² (wherein Q² is as defined herein);

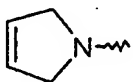
5) C₂₋₅alkynylQ² (wherein Q² is as defined herein);

6) C₁₋₄alkylW²C₁₋₄alkylQ² (wherein W² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NQ⁸C(O)-, -C(O)NQ⁹-, -SO₂NQ¹⁰-, -NQ¹¹SO₂- or -NQ¹²- (wherein Q⁸, Q⁹, Q¹⁰, Q¹¹ and Q¹² each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl or C₁₋₄haloalkyl) and Q² is as defined herein);

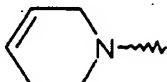
7) C₂₋₅alkenylW²C₁₋₄alkylQ² (wherein W² and Q² are as defined herein);

8) C₂₋₅alkynylW²C₁₋₄alkylQ² (wherein W² and Q² are as defined herein);

9) C₁₋₄alkylQ¹³(C₁₋₄alkyl)_j(W²)_kQ¹⁴ (wherein W² is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q¹³ and Q¹⁴ are each independently selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



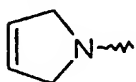
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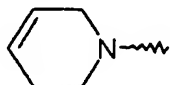
which heterocyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₄fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋

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$_6$ alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4} fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4} cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} alkoxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} aminoalkyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-4} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-4} alkoxy, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkoxy and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

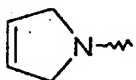


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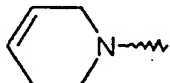


which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4} alkyl), with the proviso that at least one of Q^{13} and Q^{14} bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-4} fluoroalkyl, C_{1-4} alkanoyl, amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4} fluoroalkylsulphonyl); and

10) $C_{1-4}alkylQ^{13}C_{1-4}alkanoylQ^{14n}$ wherein Q^{13} is as defined herein and Q^{14n} is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



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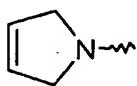


wherein Q^{14n} is linked to C_{1-6} alkanoyl through a nitrogen atom;

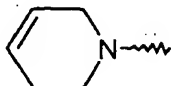
and additionally wherein any C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl or C_{2-5} alkynyl group in Q^1X^1 which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino; or a salt thereof.

12. A compound according to claim 11 wherein one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is Q^1X^1 wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^1 is selected from one of the following four groups:

1) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



and

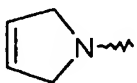


which heterocyclic group bears one substituent selected from C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkanoyl, amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-6} fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4} fluoroalkylsulphonyl;

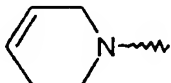
2) C_{1-5} alkyl Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

3) C_{1-4} alkyl W^2C_{1-4} alkyl Q^2 (wherein W^2 is as defined in claim 11 and Q^2 is as defined herein);

4) C_{1-4} alkyl $Q^{13}(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein W^2 is as defined in claim 11, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q^{13} and Q^{14} are each independently selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,



and

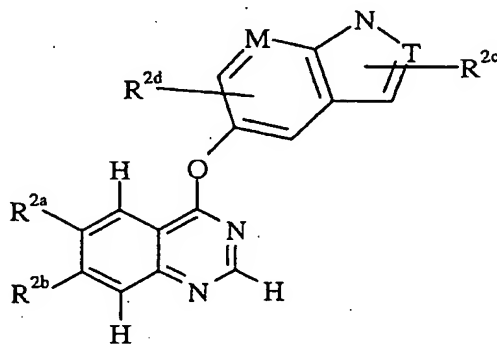


which heterocyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkanoyl, amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-6} fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4} fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4} cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} alkoxy C_{1-4} alkyl;

with the proviso that at least one of Q^{13} and Q^{14} bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkanoyl, amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-4} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkanoyl, C_{1-6} fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, di(C_{1-4} alkyl)carbamoyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4} fluoroalkylsulphonyl);

and additionally wherein any C₁₋₅alkyl group in Q¹X¹- which is linked to X¹ may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino.

13. A compound according to claim 5 of the formula IIIh:



(IIIh)

wherein:

M and T each independently represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom with the proviso that M and T cannot both be nitrogen atoms;

R^{2c} is linked to a carbon atom of the 5-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R^{2d} is linked to a carbon atom of the 6-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

either R^{2a} and R^{2b} form 6,7-methylenedioxy or

one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is selected from one of the following four groups:

(a) Q¹X¹-

wherein X¹ is -O- and Q¹ is selected from one of the following three groups:

1) Q² (wherein Q² is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and piperazinyl, which heterocyclic group bears one substituent selected from C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, C₁₋₆fluoroalkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkanoyl, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoylC₁₋₆alkyl and C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl;

2) C₁₋₅alkylQ² (wherein Q² is as defined herein); and

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- 3) $C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2$ (wherein W^2 represents -O- and Q^2 is as defined herein); and additionally wherein any $C_{1-5}alkyl$ group in Q^1X^1 - which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy);
- (b) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - (wherein X^1 is -O-, W^4 is NQ^{26} (wherein Q^{26} is hydrogen or $C_{1-3}alkyl$) and Q^{21} is $C_{2-5}alkynyl$);
- (c) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^{28} is an imidazolidinyl group which bears two oxo substituents and one $C_{1-6}alkyl$ group which $C_{1-6}alkyl$ group bears a hydroxy substituent on the carbon atom which is linked to the imidazolidinyl group; and
- (d) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ - wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^{29} is a group 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl;
- or a salt thereof.

14. A compound according to claim 1 selected from:

- 4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxy-6-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
- 6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
- 4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-[(2*S*)-1-isobutyrylpyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
- 4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[3-(4-carbamoylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]quinazoline,
- 6-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,
- 6-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,
- 7-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
- 4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-[3-(4-carbamoylmethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
- 4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-[2-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
- 4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[3-(4-prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy]quinazoline,
- 7-[1-(*N,N*-dimethylaminoacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol)-5-yloxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

and salts thereof.

15. A compound according to claim 1 selected from:

6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
7-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[2-(*N*-methyl-*N*-prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethoxy]quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxy-6-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(2*S*)-1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(2*R*)-1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-[1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}quinazoline,
7-{2-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{2-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]ethoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-[(1-isobutyrylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-[[*(2R)*-1-isobutyrylpyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-[[1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-[[*(2S)*-1-(methylsulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-[[*(2R)*-1-(methylsulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]quinazoline,
7-[3-(4-allylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2-propynyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}quinazoline,
7-{3-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-(1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[[*(2S)*-1-carbamoylpyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{3-[4-carbamoylpiperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{3-[2,5-dioxo-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)imidazolidin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
6-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxy-6-[[1-(methylsulphonyl)piperidin-4-yl]oxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{2-[*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-propynyl)amino]ethoxy}quinazoline,
7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-6-methoxy-4-[(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]quinazoline,
7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-[3-(4-carbamoylmethylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
 7-{3-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-6-methoxy-4-[(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]quinazoline,
 4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-[(2*R*)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-prop-2-yn-1-ylpiperazin-1-yl]propoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
 7-[(2*R*)-3-[(1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
 7-[(2*R*)-3-[4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
 and salts thereof.

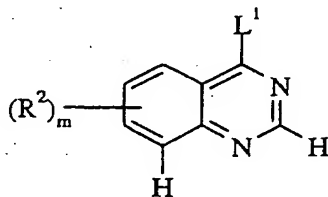
16. A compound according to claim 1 which is 7-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline and salts thereof.

17. A compound according to claim 1 which is 7-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline and salts thereof.

18. A compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

19. A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 of the formula I or salt thereof which comprises:

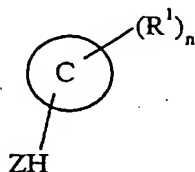
(a) the reaction of a compound of the formula III:



(III)

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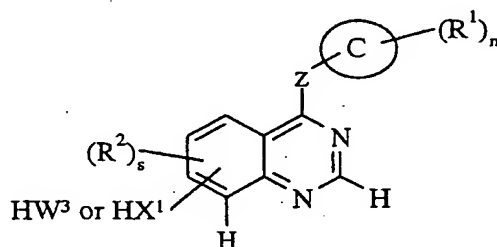
(wherein R^2 and m are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a displaceable moiety), with a compound of the formula IV:



(IV)

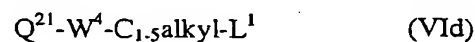
(wherein ring C, R^1 , Z and n are as defined in claim 1);

(b) a compound of formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 , Q^1X^1 , $Q^{15}W^3$ or $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, wherein R^5 , Q^1 , Q^{15} , W^3 , Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1, and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or -NR¹⁰- (wherein R^{10} independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula V:



(V)

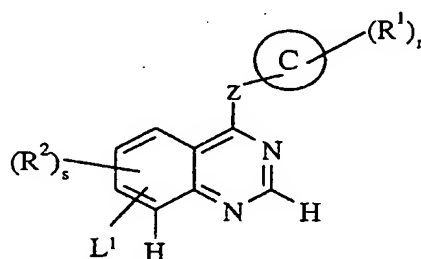
(wherein ring C, Z, W^3 , R^1 , R^2 and n are as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is as defined in this section and s is an integer from 0 to 2) with one of the compounds of the formulae VIa-d:



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(wherein R^5 , Q^1 , Q^{15} , Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is as defined herein);

(c) a compound of the formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 , Q^1X^1 , $Q^{15}W^3$ or $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, wherein R^5 , Q^1 , Q^{15} , W^3 , Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1, and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or -NR¹⁰- (wherein R^{10} represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula VII:



(VII)

with one of the compounds of the formulae VIIa-d:

R^5-X^1-H	(VIIa)
Q^1-X^1-H	(VIIb)
$Q^{15}-W^3-H$	(VIIc)
$Q^{21}-W^4-C_{1-5}alkyl-X^1-H$	(VIIId)

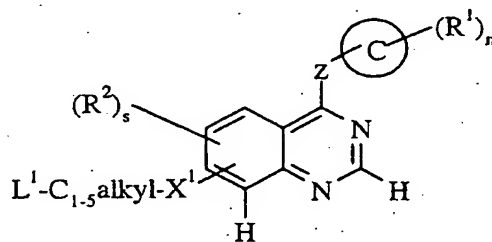
(wherein s and L^1 are as defined herein, R^1 , R^2 , R^5 , Q^1 , Q^{15} , W^3 , Q^{21} , W^4 , ring C , Z and n are all as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is as defined in this section);

(d) a compound of the formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 , Q^1X^1 , $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ or $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1, R^5 is $C_{1-5}alkylR^{113}$, wherein R^{113} is selected from one of the following nine groups:

- 1) $X^{19}C_{1-3}alkyl$ (wherein X^{19} represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NR¹¹⁴C(O)- or -NR¹¹⁵SO₂- (wherein R^{114} and R^{115} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$);
- 2) NR¹¹⁶R¹¹⁷ (wherein R^{116} and R^{117} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$);

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- 3) $X^{20}C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22}$ (wherein X^{20} represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NR¹¹⁸C(O)-, -NR¹¹⁹SO₂- or -NR¹²⁰- (wherein R¹¹⁸, R¹¹⁹, and R¹²⁰ which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and X⁵ and R²² are as defined in claim 1);
- 4) R²⁸ (wherein R²⁸ is as defined in claim 1);
- 5) $X^{21}R^{29}$ (wherein X^{21} represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NR¹²¹C(O)-, -NR¹²²SO₂-, or -NR¹²³- (wherein R¹²¹, R¹²², and R¹²³ which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R²⁹ is as defined in claim 1); and
- 6) $X^{22}C_{1-3}alkylR^{29}$ (wherein X^{22} represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NR¹²⁴C(O)-, -NR¹²⁵SO₂- or -NR¹²⁶- (wherein R¹²⁴, R¹²⁵ and R¹²⁶ each independently represents hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and R²⁹ is as defined in claim 1);
- 7) R²⁹ (wherein R²⁹ is as defined in claim 1);
- 8) $X^{22}C_{1-4}alkylR^{28}$ (wherein X^{22} and R²⁸ are as defined in claim 1); and
- 9) $R^{54}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein q, r, X⁹, R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are as defined in claim 1);
- Q¹ is C₁₋₅alkylQ²⁷ wherein Q²⁷ is selected from:
- 10) W¹Q² (wherein W¹ and Q² are as defined in claim 1);
- 11) Q² (wherein Q² is as defined in claim 1);
- 12) W²C₁₋₄alkylQ² (wherein W² and Q² are as defined in claim 1); and
- 13) Q¹³(C₁₋₄alkyl)_j(W²)_kQ¹⁴ (wherein W², j, k, Q¹³ and Q¹⁴ are as defined in claim 1);
- 14) Q¹³(C₁₋₄alkanoyl)Q¹⁴ⁿ (wherein Q¹³ and Q¹⁴ⁿ are as defined in claim 1), and Q²¹, W⁴, Q²⁸ and Q²⁹ are as defined in claim 1,
- may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula IX:



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(wherein L^1 and s are as defined herein, X^1 , R^1 , R^2 , ring C, Z and n are as defined in claim 1) with one of the compounds of the formulae Xa-e:

$R^{113}-H$	(Xa)
$Q^{27}-H$	(Xb)
$Q^{21}-W^4-H$	(Xc)
$Q^{28}-H$	(Xd)
$Q^{29}-H$	(Xe)

(wherein R^{113} and Q^{27} are as defined herein and Q^{21} , W^4 , Q^{28} and Q^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

(e) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein one or more of the substituents $(R^2)_m$ is represented by $-NR^{127}R^{128}$, where one (and the other is hydrogen) or both of R^{127} and R^{128} are C_{1-3} alkyl, may be effected by the reaction of compounds of formula I wherein the substituent $(R^2)_m$ is an amino group and an alkylating agent; or

(f) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein X^1 is $-SO-$ or $-SO_2-$ may be prepared by oxidation from the corresponding compound in which X^1 is $-S-$ or $-SO-$;

and when a salt of a compound of formula I is required, reaction of the compound obtained with an acid or base whereby to obtain the desired salt.

20. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

21. Use of a compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal.

22. A method for producing an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal, such as a human being, in need of such

treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. The compound 7-benzyloxy-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline or a salt thereof.

24. The compound 4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-hydroxy-6-methoxyquinazoline or a salt thereof.

25. A process for the preparation of 5-bromo-7-azaindole comprising:
step 1: the reduction of 7-azaindole to give 7-azaindoline; followed by
step 2: the bromination of 7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindoline; followed by
step 3: the oxidation of 5-bromo-7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindole.

26. A process for the production of 5-methoxy-7-azaindole comprising mixing a solution of the following materials in relative quantities according to the amounts given herein:

5-bromo-7-azaindole (8.6 g, 44 mmol), copper (I) bromide (12.6 g, 88 mmol) and sodium methoxide (100 g, 1.85 mol) in a mixture of "degassed" DMF (260 mls) and methanol (175 mls);

stirring the resulting mixture at ambient temperature in a nitrogen atmosphere; and then heating the mixture at reflux.